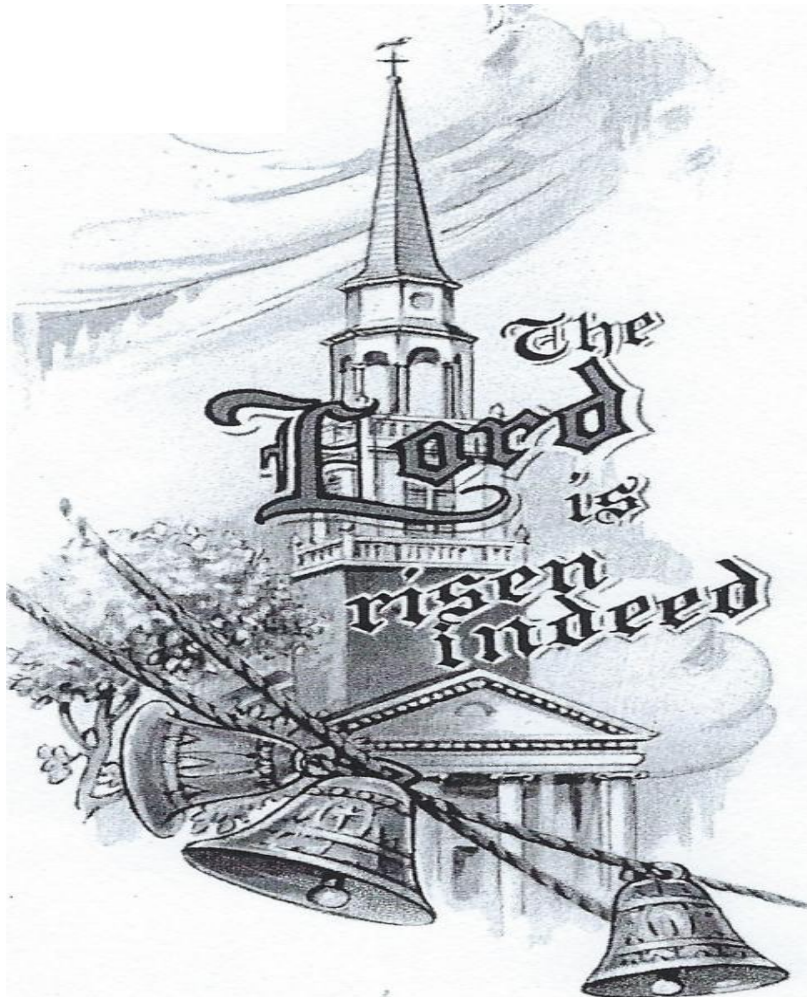


THE MAIN ARTERY

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April 13, 1941 Main Street Baptist Church Easter Bulletin Cover

“In the midst of doubt, excitement and fear, Jesus Christ has everything in perfect order. The first Easter morning is evidence that we will have a new body and a resurrection. They could kill a man but they couldn’t bury a God. Christ is God”

-from Rev. John Sivewright’s Easter Sermon (April 13, 1941)

Notes on the Easter April 13, 1941 Bulletin.

The bulletin noted a baptism service was to take place during the Bible School Hour. The church membership rolls indicate eleven people were baptized that day. Ten of the eleven baptized were under the age of 18 with ages ranging from 7 to 17. Those baptized were: Cora Evelyn Williams, Vernon Harris, Martha Anna Crawford, Wanda Rae Fortran, Marian E. Foote, William H. Cator, John Irving Fletcher, Millard Edwards, Solomon John Kelley, Robert Williams Sexton Jr, and Mr. Leon Arnold Sexton.

Wanda Fortran or as we know her as Wanda Carl celebrated her 90th birthday in February. On April 13th she will celebrate her 80th anniversary of being baptized here. Congratulations to Wanda with many thanks to her many decades of service and dedication to Main Street Baptist. We are also grateful her children (Janet Blakeney & Marty Carl) and grandchildren (Jill Blakeney, Beth Blakeney, and Jessica Carl) are still active in our church today.

Mrs. William (Anna Mae) Griffith is listed as a soloist on the anthem during the 7:30 service. She was long time choir member. The church's Schulmerich Campanile Carillon dedicated in her memory on May 14, 1967. Mrs. Griffith created a scrapbook filled with church bulletins & newspaper articles. It is from that scrapbook, this April 13, 1941 was found. Her daughter Betty married Wanda's brother Frederick Fortran.



Birthdays

April 4th Cheri Busch

April 9th – John Beattie

April 17th Deb Thiel

April 28th Dan Fassett Sr.

April 30th - Tom Reed Sr.



From Mom's House: A Mother's Day Flower Sale

Hello Mom's House supporters,

Spring is right around the corner....and Mom's House is excited to get it rolling.

Mom's House Mother's Day Flower Sale

Deadline for orders: April 23. Flower pick up – May 5 @ Mom's House – 770 Harry L. Drive, Johnson City

An order form can be downloaded from their website: momshouseny.org



MISSIONS NEWS FROM DIANE RUNION

The April Breadbox - Rescue Mission – Whitney Avenue,
Binghamton

Easter commemorates the rescue from sin and death and hell that Jesus enacted for us on the cross. His rising enables us to have the hope of new life with him in this world and in the next. Mirroring that, we have chosen the local Rescue Mission as the recipient of our breadbox offering in April.

The Mission offers the residents a warm bed and hot meals, COVID vaccines, and a safe place and a welcoming family. Jesus' love is shared, as well as the abundant life we can have in Him, and His restoration of hope for the future. Many have been homeless, living with mental illness in distressing circumstances and addiction. Visits are made almost daily for those still on the streets, bringing them supplies, blankets and food. They help find apartments and furniture, opportunities for work and the means to learn new skills for future employment. A special Easter dinner and service is planned with caring staff and volunteers.

You can help by giving through our church during the month of April by check or cash. Cash can be placed in a small envelope near the offering plate in the back or by a check made out to the church and notated for April breadbox.

Thank you.

MISSIONARY UPDATES

Moses Agapito – plans to soon return to Uganda to see his family and to work at a school in S. Sudan for which he has been raising money. Some of the money will go to build a latrine at the school, and some of it will be used to help pay teachers' salaries. We're not sure when this will take place, but we'll let you know his definite plans. In future, he feels called to help identify young Christian men to be pastors and will help facilitate their entrance into theological training. Another possibility is to minister to the vast numbers of refugees in the country of Uganda.

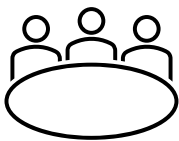
CRU ministry – Thomas Rodrigues reports that the ministry at Niagara County Community college out of nowhere, received an invitation to counsel students there, not mental health counseling, but Biblical. Clarifying the request, it was stated, that it was for the missionary to be a mentor, a friend, and one who can help them process what life has been throwing at them; actually, essentially what their job description entails. “Would we be able to talk to them about Jesus?” Answer - “Yes, of course as much as the students are comfortable, feel free, we're asking you.” Thomas reports that they've never had such a green light on a campus or such favor in school administrations. God is definitely working. Please pray for the opening of many students' hearts to the Gospel.

SUNDAY RESULT

The holiest moment of the Sunday church service is the moment when God's people – strengthened by preaching and Sacrament- go out of the church door into the world to be the Church. We don't go to church; we are the Church.

Ernest Southcott

Women's Conference at North Fenton Baptist Church



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The North Fenton Baptist church on State Road 369 at State Route 79 has invited our women to a Women's Conference to which some of us went a couple of years ago. It will be held April 24th from 3-6pm and a light dinner be served at the end of the meeting. The theme: Examining stories of four people in Scripture whose lives were deeply impacted by their encounters with God, recognizing how God has been writing our stories as well. If you're interested, please let the church office know by April 18th. Perhaps we can do some car pooling. The invitation will be on the bulletin board in the entry off the ramp.

⌘ Looking Back....

Days of Remembrance

This year, the “ Days of Remembrance” will occur in the US between April 4-11th. Established by the US Congress, the days honor the victims and survivors of the Nazi holocaust as well as those who liberated them.

Main Street Baptist, like many other churches, had many members & parishioners who served in the US Military during World War II.

Here are a couple of glimpses from December 1935 of local Baptist happenings concerning events in Germany. This is six years prior to United States entry into the war.

On December 2, 1935 Binghamton's Jewish Community Center spiritual leader, Rabbi Julian L. Greifer, spoke to the Baptist Ministers Association at First Baptist Church in Owego. The topic was “The Jewish situation in Germany” where Rabbi Greifer refuted Nazi claims against the Jews. The article did not list all the Baptist clergy who attended, so it is unknown if Rev. Sivewright was there.

However, in a Binghamton Press article dated December 24th various local Christian clergy reported on their church condition for 1935. Rev. T. Valentine Parker, minister of First Baptist Church of Binghamton was quoted as saying:

“The observance of the 400th anniversary of the Coverdale version of the English Bible is notably the event that has made the most popular appeal in American Protestant Christianity during 1935. In general, the year has not produced a great deal of a crisis nature. There have been important trends rather than stupendous events. The attitude of the German government toward the churches and toward the Jews has awaken indignation in the American churches. That a country with a Christian heritage like Germany's should do such, despite the Christian teaching as to foster a policy of persecuting is an amazing tragedy”.

Later, in the article Parker also noted: “In common with other denominations Northern Baptist recognize a situation that may well become acute even in this country, with relation to that nationalization that threatens to become a rival religion to Christianity as it has done in Germany”.

Sources used:

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The US Holocaust Memorial Museum website regarding the Days of Remembrance